

is also a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Zachery placed safety signs and evacuation procedures throughout the church and school at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church and School.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachery R. Bode for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SEAN TYLER COWDEN FOR THE  
AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Tyler Cowden, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Sean has been involved in scouting, he has earned 29 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, den chief, and historian. Sean is also a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Sean painted house numbers on the street of a local housing division.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Tyler Cowden for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TOWN OF CICERO, NEW YORK

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the town of Cicero's 200th anniversary. Located on the southern shore of Oneida Lake, the town of Cicero serves as a northern suburb of metropolitan Syracuse. The town was named after the great Roman orator Marcus Tullius Cicero.

The town of Cicero was one of the townships of the former Central New York Military Tract. The CNY Military Tract was land reserved for soldiers who served in the American Revolution. Cicero became a part of the town of Lysander when Onondaga County was formed in 1794. The town of Cicero split from the town of Lysander in 1807. The town of Cicero also included the town of Clay until 1827 when the township was divided.

The town contains a rich history on involvement within Central New York. The town of Cicero was crucial to the building of the Erie Canal. The construction of the canal brought many settlers into the town, expanding its

growth. The town of Cicero was also extensively involved within the salt industry. The salt industry provided many people with jobs, either making barrels or in furnishing lumber. When the salt mines dried up, the town's residents turned to the agriculture and dairy industries.

Over its history, the town of Cicero has changed drastically. From a small farming community, Cicero has transformed into one of the fastest growing suburbs of the region.

It has been an honor for me to represent the town of Cicero and its citizens for close to 20 years. The town of Cicero has provided the Central New York region with a prime example of a successful township filled with great people. The residents of the town of Cicero should be proud of their rich heritage. I congratulate them as they celebrate their first 200 years, and wish them nothing but the best for next 200 more.

RECOGNIZING SHANE DARWIN  
POPE II FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shane Darwin Pope II, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 946, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Shane has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Shane has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Shane Darwin Pope II for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM PAYNE  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Payne, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Payne for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RO-  
LAND KELLY OF SOUTH BEND,  
INDIANA

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 11, 2007*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Roland Kelly, a 16-year member of the South Bend Common Council, World War II veteran, and beloved member of the community. Mr. Kelly lost his battle with a strep infection on May 26, 2007.

Born and raised in Port Chester, New York, Mr. Kelly enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17 to serve in WWII. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1950 and remained in South Bend to work in broadcasting until 1972. At WSBT-TV, Mr. Kelly served as the news anchor and the news director. Though a natural in front of the camera, Mr. Kelly began a new career at the local bank where he served as the Vice President and Director of Marketing, and he would retire as the Director of Business Development. Throughout his life, he dedicated himself to bettering the community through volunteering and mentoring.

Mr. Kelly was a member of many boards and committees, but most notably he sat on the South Bend Common Council as Vice-President until his death. Described as the "peacemaker" by fellow council members, he sponsored an anti-gun ordinance in 1991 and was instrumental in including gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in anti-discrimination laws. Mr. Kelly was also influential in revamping a tax abatement ordinance which has fostered millions of dollars of new investment in our community. Committees he sat on included the Information and Technology committee and the Community and Economic Development committee, and he was chairperson of the Community Relations committee. For his dedication to the community, Mr. Kelly was inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame in 2001.

Our community has lost a beloved family member, generous friend, devoted father, doting grandfather, and Notre Dame's most enthusiastic fan. He was described as a "ham at heart" and was often seen performing in theatre and music groups. Off-stage, Mr. Kelly never missed an opportunity to share a witty story.

Mr. Kelly leaves behind three children, seven grandchildren, a great-grandson, and countless friends. His ever-present energy and humor will be dearly missed. It is with great pride that I celebrate the life and service of Roland Kelly.

HONORING THE MERCURY 13  
WOMEN

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 421, to honor the trailblazing accomplishments of the "Mercury 13" women, whose efforts in the early 1960s